

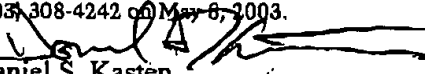
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Patent Office for a 1 month extension of time to and including May 19, 2003, to respond to the Official Action in the above-identified application. Small entity status is asserted. Please charge the small entity fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account 20-0823. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for that purpose.

It is believed that the fee is correct, but the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to deposit Account 20-0823.

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